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SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1897

Four boys, whose homes are in Seattle have taken out \$130,000 in four months on the Yukon.

The excitement at Coffee creek California still continues, and new strikes are constantly being made.

DUNHAM, who murdered a whole family in California, about a year ago, has again been seen. This time at Hermosillo, Mexico.

JAPAN has begun the coining of gold preparatory to that metal becoming the only legal money of the little island empire.

A French scientist calculates that in an average day the sun will pour on two and a half acres of ground heat which might be turned into energy equal to the muscle power of 4,163 horses.

Much to the chagrin of the English people, the London Times' beautiful chromo picture of the queen, which it distributed to its readers at the time of the jubilee, was found marked down in one corner, "Made in Germany."

Mr. CLAYTON of the Blue Hill observatory, near Boston, report that observations made there show that the average speed with which clouds move, is 8,000 and 9,000 feet high, move, is sixty miles an hour in mid-summer, and 110 miles in mid-winter. The swiftest flight of a cloud yet measured was 230 miles an hour.

New gold discoveries are reported from the Yukon, and the yellow metal seem abundant in this far northern country. With the enormous gold discoveries and wonderful rise in wheat, coupled with a general revival of all industries no one can deny that prosperity is once more at our door.

The Amoskeag cotton mills at Manchester, N. Y., will start up again Sept. 6, in all its departments giving employment to 15,000 operatives. Several other large mills who have either been closed down for some time, or running short hours, will resume operation, and run on full time, affording employment to many thousand hands.

The Canadian government and the United States have agreed upon co-operation in augmenting the postal facilities for the Klondike region and the result will shortly be evidenced in a substantial doubling of the mail service from the coast into that district.

SAN FRANCISCO has a soap factory in which the spooks are playing havoc lately. Soap bars fly in every direction and real around as if drunk. At first it was supposed to be the work of mischievous boys, but upon investigation it has proven to be some mysterious force. Detectives and hundreds of people have examined the place, and all have seen the strange capers of the soap bars.

WHEAT reached one dollar per bushel the other day. In Minneapolis the advent was celebrated in the wheat pit by brass bands and other demonstrations. The fine crops now being threshed and ready to be put on the market, coupled with the unprecedented rise in price, will bring millions of hard cash into the pockets of the American farmer. The voice of the calamity howler is being drowned in the ring of the dollars.

THE London Times says it sees no chance of the Indian mints being reopened to the coining of silver, adding: "To fool any longer with President McKinley's commission is surely unnecessary." In declining to abide by the market value of silver, India has taken a step toward demonetizing silver. Japan and Russia have adopted a gold standard and no one wants to go back on it.

THE calling of a convention of the supervisors of the various counties of the territory to meet in this city next January for the purpose of following out Gov. McCord's suggestion and discussing ways and means by which the income of the territory can be increased and the indebtedness reduced without imposing further burden of taxation on those who now practically maintain the territorial funds, is one of the most practical reform measures yet undertaken, and should result in great benefit to the territory.

RAILROAD communication between Juneau and Dawson will be one of the things of the near future. Next spring 5,000 men will be at work day and night and the road will probably be completed before next fall. The proposed road is to start from the head of steamboat navigation in the Taku river to Lake Teslin. Light draught steamboats will be operated from each end of the new road and it will take four days to make the journey from Juneau to Dawson. There is a surveying party already in the field, consisting of W. A. Pratt, Wilmington, Del., chief engineer of the Yukon Mining, Trading and Transportation projected railroad; T. C. Jennay, assistant engineer; P. I. Packer, promoter of the road, and A. E. Johnson, his assistant. Another road is being surveyed to start from Skaguay bay, crossing White pass. This road will be built by an English company.

ON LAKES LINDERMAN and Bennett are nearly 500 people actively making preparations and building boats for the descent to Klondike. The Skaguay trail is open and the first contingent reached Tagish lake Thursday last, numbering 200 people. The trail is nearly 50 miles long and horses are able to pack 250 pound from salt water to Tagish. Nearly 100 people are in camp at Skaguay and it is expected to reach the lake in ten days. That route will take nearly all the travel from the Dyea route except during the winter and spring months. The opening of the Skaguay road is sure to cause travel to continue until September 15. At present the Dyea trail is blocked with freight and passengers, and to complicate matters the Chilcot Indians have struck for 20 cents a pound, which makes flour laid down at this place \$11 a sack. Boat loads of people are leaving here and lake Bennett every day for the mines.

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ON THE FARM.

An estimate of the loss of the soluble portions of manure that is exposed to rains and the direct rays of the sun, if it could be made, would show that one-half of its value is lost by leeching, fire-fanging, etc.

In a dry season there is no fertilizer which produces better results with potatoes than wood ashes, notwithstanding the fact that ashes seem to dry themselves. Equally good results will follow when they are sprinkled on the strawberry bed.

The mistake of keeping and using crossbred males adds materially in degenerating the hogs on many farms. The boar should be a thoroughbred, or there will be no uniformity in the offspring. There is little pleasure in raising mongrels.

It is claimed that the use of ensilage enables the dairyman to keep twice as many cows as when no ensilage is used. There is no crop so easily grown and at so small an outlay for labor as ensilage corn, and it not only provides a large addition to the bulky foods, but enables the dairyman to give succulent food in winter, thus keeping the animals in good condition.

Navy beans can be grown profitably, and they bring as good prices as any other crop. The heaviest yields are secured when they are carefully cultivated and grown on ground that has been well manured the previous year. The harvesting of the crop is the critical work with them, as they are liable to damage if exposed to rains after harvesting them, but there is machinery now in use which lessens the labor and makes them as sure as any other crop.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

According to the experiments of M. Segny and M. Quenisset the X-rays cause dangerous palpitations of the heart. The experiments were made on medical students and upon themselves, and M. Segny and M. Quenisset describe the palpitations as violent and unendurable unless the rays were intercepted by a metallic plate.

Alaska, our remarkable outlying territory, is almost as large in area as the entire United States east of the Mississippi. It is rich in mineral wealth, and has already yielded many times its cost in the precious and other metals. Every year its value to the United States is increasing, and yet it is entirely isolated from the rest of our territory—just as Cuba would be were we to acquire it.

"Alcohol," said M. Martindale, in a paper read recently before the Pharmaceutical society, "is not a germicide. When present to the extent of 20 per cent. by volume of absolute alcohol, it has an inhibitory effect on the germination of most of the micro-organisms occurring in aqueous solutions of vegetables and animal substances; but the germs propagate readily as it evaporates."

Naturalists consider it a wonderful fact that the Bermuda islands have only seven native species of land birds, while no less than 128 species pay visits to the islands. Many of these visitors are birds which pass the summer in the United States, and utilize the Bermuda islands as a convenient winter resort, thus imitating some of their human compatriots. Even some American bats follow the example of the birds by wintering in the Bermudas.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

The American Queen for June is a recreation number and has several stunning pictures of noted New York women prominent in various sports.

Every Month has a fascinating array of pictures of pretty women, famous people, literary gossip and good photographs. There is also music to be found for the looking.

The Month has a tempting lot of gossip about people who write books, their latest works and peculiarities. Edith Thomas' poem is especially good and the large number of portraits adds to the value of the issue.

Mr. Richard Harding Davis' first novel, "Soldiers of Fortune," just published by Scribner's, was in its second edition over a week before it appeared, the advance orders speedily exhausting the first edition of 15,000 copies.

"When Did John Cabot Discover America?" asks Prof. Henry H. Harrisse to the extent of 12 pages in the Forum. Prof. Harrisse is a noted Frenchman and an authority on things American and he concludes in the last paragraph that Cabot's discovery fell on June 24, 1497.

Dr. Charles W. Purdy writes in the North American Review on popular errors in living and says that in the near future energies will be directed toward the art of mastering disease. The marquis of Lorne is a distinguished contributor and, of course, directs his thoughts to remarks on Victoria's reign.

DO YOU KNOW?

That youth is prone to be ungrateful, and age forgetful.

That young persons are not apt to make a very exact adjustment of means and ends.

That he who shows his hand too much rarely succeeds in plucking the plums from the pie of life.

That muscular and nervous exhaustion can readily occur, as the fascination of this form of exercise leads people to overwork.

That rapid boiling or baking will toughen the tenderest meat, while slow and careful cooking will render the costliest parts tender.

That a mixture of equal parts of vaseline and olive oil is a quick remedy for skin burn, either from March winds or August sunshine.

That head stains on wall paper may be blotted out by an application of a mixture of the soft parts of molding clay and water applied at night, and brushed off with a whisk broom in the morning.

COMPOSED OF CIGARS.

Queer Rat's Nest Found in a San Francisco Police Station.

For several months the officers stationed at one of the San Francisco police stations have been suspicious of each other. Cigars left in their private lockers disappeared with annoying regularity and the men regarded each other as thieves, says an exchange of that city.

One of the men, who claims to be a detective, set himself about catching the thief, but to no avail. He put loaded cigars in his locker. They disappeared, but no explosions were heard around the place. Then he placed private marks on the cigars and watched every man who was seen with a cigar in his mouth. He even bought curiously twisted cigars and they were stolen, but no one was seen to take them.

All this time the lieutenant had been suffering with malaria or some other influence of a depressing nature. A few days ago he determined to make some changes in the arrangement of things in the station looking to better sanitary conditions, as well as more light and room. The row of much-pilfered lockers was torn away and the floor pulled up. Behind some boards that had been nailed against the wall, leaving a space in the corner as large as a bushel basket, was found a rat's nest composed entirely of cigars.

There were several hundred of them and among the number were several of the marked ones. The cigars were mostly broken and chewed to pieces, but they seemed to form a very cozy nest.

DAVY'S SHOES.

A Few Statistics Concerning Them, Contributed by Davy's Father.

"I take no note of time," said Mr. Toggleton, according to the New York Sun. "I can count the months with perfect certainty by the calls for shoes for Davy. All I want to know is the date of the purchase of one pair. Say, for illustration, that we buy shoes on May 15; then when the next call is made for shoes I know, without looking at the date line in the paper, or at the calendar in the office, that it is the 15th of June; for Davy wears out just one pair of shoes a month."

"He goes through the first soles in two weeks, and the second in two weeks more. Occasionally we have his shoes resoled twice, but not often. Usually, when we come to look them over, after the second sole has been worn through, we find them in that state of ruin that is commonly described in the phrase 'beyond repair.'"

"There is, however, one cheering feature of this situation, and that is the unparalleled cheapness of shoes, which never begun to be so cheap as now. But for this auspicious fact, at the rate that Davy wears out shoes, I should have to move to some warm climate, where small boys run unshod."

JOKE ON THE DIRECTORY MAN.

Tried Every Other Language and Never Thought of English.

Many amusing incidents occur in the daily experience of the men who get names for the city directory. One of them tells of a call he made on a man in a potato patch, says the Chicago Times-Herald.

"It was in the Polish district, but, as I speak that language and nearly every other, my versatility in that line getting me my position, I addressed him in Polish, asking him his name and occupation. He shook his head, so I tried German. As he did not understand that any better, I tackled him in Italian and French, getting no response except a shake of the head. I had still a few more languages to be heard from, and I was wondering which one was likely to meet his case, when he straightened up from his potato patch, and looking at me with a twinkle in his eye, said: 'What's the matter with spakin' to me in United States, sor, seein' I ain't in it with the other tongues?'"

"And I just sat down there and laughed when I thought of the pantomime I had given him with my unintelligible questions."

Creating an Absolute Vacuum.

An absolute vacuum, or what is believed to be one, was recently produced by Prof. Elmer Gates, of Washington, by a novel method. Into a test tube made of a kind of glass which melts at a very high temperature he poured a molten glass which melts at a much lower temperature, completely filling the tube, leaving no air space. After melting this inner glass it was partially withdrawn from the tube by exhausting the air from the outer side and allowing it to flow down by gravity, but not so far but that the end of the tube was completely closed. It was then allowed to cool. As no air could enter the space left by the withdrawal of the glass it is believed that a perfect vacuum was obtained.

Toddy Pond.

One of Maine's little lakes is called Toddy pond. This name was inspired by an incident of long ago, which tradition relates as follows: In the winter season some woodsmen were traveling to their work across the pond one brisk morning. They became a little thirsty or chilled with the frosty air. They carried with them, as was customary in those days, some New England rum. Having no vessel in which to mix their toddy, they cut a hole in the ice, poured in their rum, mixed their toddy, and drank it. So the pond has ever since been associated in name with this unique punch.

Airships in Germany.

The airship craze is said to be nearly as strong in Germany as in this country. Prof. Hoffman, an imperial councilor, has invented a machine constructed on the principle of a dragon, with steam propellers, which he is confident will work all right.

American Pecans.

Eight million bushels of pecans are estimated as an average year's crop in the United States.

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